

Mr. Tyson presents a memorial from John E. Howard, and others, praying counsel may be employed in the case of Charles Browning; referred to the committee of grievances and courts of justice.

Mr. Rogerson presents a petition from Henry Corderick; Mr. Garner presents a petition from Susanna Reeves; and Mr. Barrette presents a petition from Susan Whitmore, for support; referred to the committee on similar petitions.

Mr. Brohawn presents a petition from John M'Knight, praying a law to authorise him to excavate a canal through a marsh from Staplefort's creek to the main road from said creek, in Dorchester county; referred to Messrs. Brohawn, Eccleston and Ennalls.

Mr. Potter presents a petition from Joseph Richardson, clerk of Caroline county, praying further time to complete his records; referred to Messrs. Potter, Hughlett and Saulsbury.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the adjutant-general relative to the militia; referred to the committee on the militia.

And a report from the treasurer relative to loans to defray the expenses of the late war; referred to the committee of ways and means.

Mr. Harlan obtained leave to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to extend the power of constables in this state. Ordered, That Messrs. Harlan, Grubb, Thomas, Williams and Montgomery, report the same.

On motion by Mr. Shower, the question was put, That leave be given to bring in a bill, entitled, An act to elect constables immediately by the people, and to regulate the same? Determined in the negative.

The bill to authorise John M'Favish to act as executor for Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, was read the second time, passed, and sent to the senate.

The house proceeded, according to the order of the day, to the second reading of the resolutions relative to the election of president and vice president.

Mr. Tyson moved the following as a substitute for the whole:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this general assembly, that the present mode of choosing the president and vicepresident of the United States, is radically defective; that the power of choosing said high officers should be given entirely to the people at large; and that such a mode of choosing said officers, by the people, should be adopted as will render it unnecessary that the election of president and vice-president of the United States, should ever be vested in the national legislature.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to our senators and representatives in congress. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Kennedy moved to strike out the words "that the people in those districts shall have the right of voting directly for those officers." Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Kennedy, the question was put, That the second resolution be stricken out, for the purpose of inserting the following:

Resolved, That the constitution ought to be restored to its original form, so far as it relates to the election of president and vice-president, when that election shall devolve upon congress.

A division was called for and put on striking out? Determined in the negative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Speaker
Millard
Hawkins

Banning
Spencer
Millis

Parker
S R Smith
Mitchell